

## Parent Council Meeting

May 31, 2022

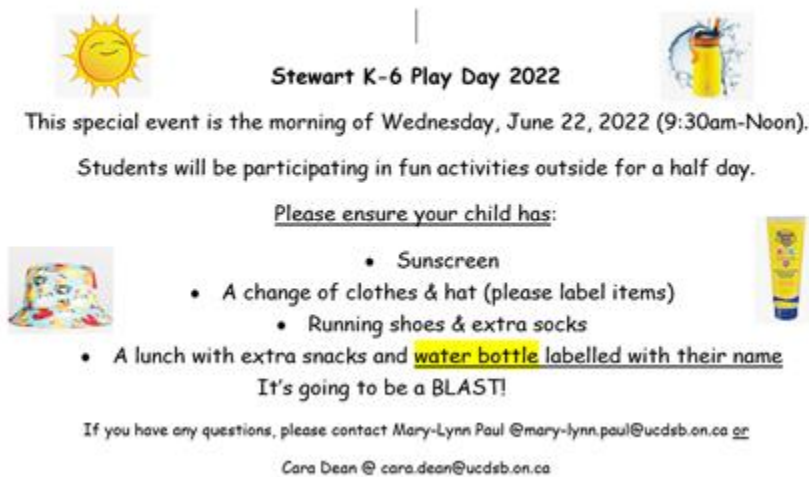
### Principal's Report

- 1) Elections Ontario on-site on Thursday: mandated, I tried to prevent access. Adds a layer of complexity to our day. Sent parent email out, asking for parents to walk or send children on bus if at all possible to try to limit parking lot congestion. Security guard will be on site, paid for by elections Ontario, to control traffic flow from front door to gym.
- 2) Little Ray's Reptile – all classes, June 20th, funded through proceeds from Hot Lunches
- 3) Play Day – all classes, June 22. Leadership opportunities for grade 5 and 6 students; some will help run events, others will lead their team. Teams are made up of students in all grades k through 6. Popsicles will be delivered in the afternoon to classes. Parent information that teachers will be sending out to their classes is located at the bottom of this email
- 4) Grade 6 year end 'Moving on' celebration: email will be sent out to Grade 6 parents. Hoping to be outside. If weather looks bad, a decision will be made the day before to move it to inside. If inside; we MUST limit attendance, so parents only (parents and/or step-parents). No extended family members (aunts, uncles, grandparents, siblings, etc.). Requirements from the health unit: we must limit indoor gatherings, and if we must hold one, keep numbers low. This is NOT graduation: simple presentation of certificates followed by cupcakes and lemonade. 2:00 start time, must be off yard by 2:45 as recess will start. Thinking about area towards Wilson Street, large trees line the path that will provide lovely shade. Considered outdoor classroom, but in afternoon, not actually a large shaded area outside of the immediate stage/bench area. Parents will be asked to bring their own lawn chairs, if they wish to sit (certificate presentation will be about 20 minutes). Staff are creating the usual Grade 6 slide show; technical issues showing this outside in bright sun, so this will be shown inside with just the students. It will also be shared with students, so that parents can watch it at home if they wish
- 5) Last Day of school will be Monday, June 27th
- 6) Report Cards will be sent home Friday, June 24th, just in case some students do not come for the one day
- 7) Vulnerable Sector checks: new process in place for June 1st – application form will be on-line, and will no longer be done out of the Perth Office. We were given a heads-up that the new process may take longer since it is being done provincially instead of locally. Parents still need a letter from the school to have the fee waived. Vicki created an electronic version – if parents need to get one done; email Vicki, she emails the letter back and parents upload the letter as part of their application.
- 8) We had a \$700 donation from Gather restaurant (Gallant family owns and their son attends Stewart) for our Food for Thought program. Thank you posted to Facebook
- 9) Food for Thought consumption has increased significantly over the past few months. Suspect this is due to the cost of groceries!

10) EQAO – we did all our classes in May. System crashed last week; so schools have been unable to do it. Students seemed ok with the on-line version. It was certainly much shorter than it has been in previous years.

11) Staffing: Mary-Lynn Paul is retiring. Lindsay Taylor was declared surplus, and will be at Glen Tay for next year. Erika Ferenczy was filling a maternity leave for Courtney Baronette, who has since transferred to Arklan to be closer to home. Sylvia Smith will be returning to Stewart to teach FI gym classes in the fall. EA and ECE staffing have not yet started. Both Lea and Stacie will remain at Stewart.

12) Dress Code: our updated version was shared with our grade 5 and 6 classes as we started to see a few issues in those classrooms. Led to great discussions and was very timely with the Catholic School making the news for policing their dress codes. Interesting: the girls were able to identify that previous dress codes targeted them; the boys did not register this until the girls pointed it out. We discussed what 'appropriate' meant and I gave them my "3 Bs" – no breasts, bellies or bottoms need to be seen at school! We also talked about the 'active participation in all school activity' sentence: no flip flops because we rip our toes open when we run at recess and we cannot play safely on the play structure; no short tops or saggy shorts below our bottoms because when we shoot hoops, tops lift up and shorts fall down! We kept the discussion light and used humour (would you want me to dress this way, and see my belly hanging out – was met with horrified looks LOL), but message was received and there have not been issues since.



The flyer for Stewart K-6 Play Day 2022 features a central title flanked by a sun icon on the left and a water bottle icon on the right. Below the title, it states the event date and time, followed by a list of items to bring. The list includes sunscreen, a change of clothes and hat, running shoes, and a lunch with extra snacks and a water bottle. The flyer also includes contact information for Mary-Lynn Paul and Cara Dean.

**Stewart K-6 Play Day 2022**

This special event is the morning of Wednesday, June 22, 2022 (9:30am-Noon).

Students will be participating in fun activities outside for a half day.

Please ensure your child has:

- Sunscreen
- A change of clothes & hat (please label items)
  - Running shoes & extra socks
- A lunch with extra snacks and water bottle labelled with their name

It's going to be a BLAST!

If you have any questions, please contact Mary-Lynn Paul @[mary-lynn.paul@ucdsb.on.ca](mailto:mary-lynn.paul@ucdsb.on.ca) or  
Cara Dean @ [cara.dean@ucdsb.on.ca](mailto:cara.dean@ucdsb.on.ca)

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### Financial Report:

Parent Council balance: \$1765.62 (this amount includes the \$637.05 raised from the Maple Syrup Fundraiser)

Next Meeting: Monday, September 2022 at 6:30 pm on Microsoft Teams